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SUBJ: VISIT OF GHANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO POLAND

1. GHANAIA FOREIGN MINISTER JOSEPH A. FELLI PAID A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO POLAND APRIL 26 - 29 IN THE COMPANY OF "SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING". DURING HIS STAY, FELLI MET WITH CHAIRMAN OF THE POLISH COUNCIL OF STATE HENRYK JABLONSKI, AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MIECZYSLAW JAGIELSKI, AN ECONOMICS SPECIALIST. PLENARY TALKS CHAIRED BY THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER EMIL WOJTASZEK WERE HELD AT THE MFA.

2. ACCORDING TO THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN TRYBUNA LUDU, THE DAILY PAPER OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS' (COMMUNIST) PARTY ON MAY 1, THE TALKS "WERE CONDUCTED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND IN A SPIRIT OF FULLY MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING". IN THE NAME OF GHANAIA CHIEF OF STATE I.K. ACHEAMPONGA, FELLI INVITED JABLONSKI TO VISIT GHANA AND EXTENDED AN INVITATION ON HIS OWN BEHALF TO WOJTASZEK. THESE INVITATIONS WERE ACCEPTED, BUT NO DATES WERE SET.

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3. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CREATION OF A "JOINT COOPERATION COMMISSION", THE COMMUNIQUE DID NOT TOUCH BILATERAL ISSUES. ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, BOTH SIDES:

- (A) ENDORSED DETENTE AND THE CSCE PRINCIPLES;
- (B) OPPOSED "THE PRODUCTION OF NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION";

(C) EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT WILL CONSTITUTE A STEP TOWARDS A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE;

(D) SUPPORTED THE POSITIONS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON ZIMBABWE AND SWAPO IN NAMIBIA;

(E) CONDEMNED APARTHEID AND THE RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA;

(F) ASSERTED THAT ONLY A GENEVA CONFERENCE, WITH PARTICIPATION BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING THE PLO, CAN BRING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. COMMENT: POLISH COURTSHIP OF AFRICA CONTINUES AT A SLOW BUT STEADY PACE. IN VIEW OF THE UNSETTLED POLITICAL SITUATION IN GHANA AND THE FACT THAT GHANA LACKS THE OIL RESOURCES OF POLAND'S MOST AVIDLY SOUGHT PARTNER IN BLACK AFRICA, NIGERIA, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT EITHER JABLONSKI OR WOJTASZEK WILL CASH IN THEIR INVITATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HOWEVER, POLAND WILL MOST LIKELY CONTINUE TO PROMOTE VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN GHANA AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA IN ORDER TO KEEP A FOOTHOLD ON THE CONTINENT.
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